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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT "WORLD MUST FIGHT TERRORISM"; HARARE

- ¶1. Under headline "World must fight terrorism" the government-controlled daily "Chronicle" dedicated its November 30 editorial to calling for "a united front against terrorism" and urged world leaders to "desist from harboring terrorist groups." Excerpts:
- ¶2. "Terrorism whatever its motive is unacceptable. . .On Thursday suicide bombers blew up a hotel full of Israelis in Kenya killing 14 people minutes after missiles narrowly missed an Israeli airliner taking off nearby. The attacks appear to have been well orchestrated and synchronized by the forces of evil. Although a group that calls itself 'Army of Palestine' sent a claim of responsibility, Israel and Kenyan authorities reportedly blamed the al Qaeda network largely accused of the 11 September 2001 bombings in the United States for the attack. It is however our hope that the authorities will institute thorough investigations into this matter and bring those behind the heinous act to book. We are basically saying no to terrorism regardless of where it is happening in the global village. Terrorists have to be tracked down and killed as banditry of any nature causes unnecessary human suffering and retards development. A united front against terrorism has to be forged if the cancer is to be nipped in the bud. World leaders should desist from harboring terrorists groups in their countries as this helps them to flourish and spread their tentacles. While this ugly incident was taking place in Kenya another bomb was exploding in South Africa at the Mtamvuma Bridge. . .These terrorist activities have left many people in the sub-region who watched the movie-style attack on the ¶U. S. unsettled. It is now clear that all of us are vulnerable to attack by terrorists and should thus prepare for any eventuality. . . ."

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